



**SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS**  
By reservation—call (816) 759-7300 for more information.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Special Discovery Days, nature art shows and conservation-oriented concerts such as *Fiddles and Forests* are listed in our newsletter and website.

**MEETING PLACE FOR CONSERVATION GROUPS** Two meeting rooms and a 250-seat auditorium are available for use by conservation-related groups. Many of the programs offered by these groups are also free and open to the public.

**GIFT SHOP AND TEACHER RESOURCE ROOM** A beautiful gift shop and teacher resource room offer many educational items.

**BUILDING HOURS** 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**AREA HOURS** Dawn till dusk, 365 days a year.

**REGULATIONS** Dogs must be kept on a leash. No fires or firearms. No amplified music. No picking of flowers. Please stay on paths and sidewalks.

**ADDRESS**  
Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center  
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Kansas City, MO 64110

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**WEBSITE** [www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/kcmetro/discovery/](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/kcmetro/discovery/)  
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# Take me to the Discovery Center!



ANITA B. GORMAN  
CONSERVATION  
DISCOVERY CENTER  
AT KAUFFMAN  
LEGACY PARK



## Learn from the past

When you enter the lobby, Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery serve as your symbolic hosts. Pause with them to view the wall mural, where the 1804 Missouri River and its wildlife come to life. Marvel at how the Missouri River corridor looked in the past—and learn how it has changed in the last 200 years.

## Care for the present

Explore a facility and grounds that show how buildings and landscapes can work in harmony with nature. Walk the Wild Side Walk through our "Grow Native!" gardens, operated in cooperation with Powell Gardens. See demonstrations of geothermal heat pumps, solar power collectors, composting stations, bio-swale retention basins, recycled products and a living machine—literally dozens of green-design features all in one place.

## Shape the future

Tackle hands-on activities that will help you and your family enjoy more of outdoor Missouri and protect nature in your neighborhood.





# Hands-on Nature in the Heart of Kansas City

Just a 10-minute walk from the Plaza shopping area, the Discovery Center is at the confluence of culture and conservation. Six workshops let you experience the creative fun of wild foods, native plant gardening, stream life, outdoor skills and life science.

**Nature's Bounty** Learn how and why we harvest living things from the wild. This workshop features a demonstration kitchen, a bass-fishing simulator and a Laser Shot hunting-safety simulator that will whet your appetite for fish, game and wild edibles.

**Nature's Garden** Learn to grow native trees, shrubs and wildflowers from an expert in this greenhouse equipped with planting benches. Plan a backyard habitat that will attract, house and feed songbirds and butterflies, or learn to plant a rain garden.

**Nature's Aquarium** Experiment with flowing-stream models in a bright laboratory where older children and adults manipulate scale models of streams. Learn about fish, fishing and how to sample and collect other aquatic life-forms such as crayfish, frogs and insects.

**Exploring the Outdoors** Discover where and how to hike, how to find and identify birds, follow mammal tracks, pitch a tent, build a campfire or use a compass in a room nearly as full of basic outdoor equipment as a sporting goods store.

**Nature's Palette** Make exquisite leaf prints, take nature photos or build a wooden tree mosaic in a studio full of art media. This workshop will add color and creativity to your outdoor experiences. Cultivate your "natural" artist by sketching and journaling about nature, just as Lewis and Clark did 200 years ago.

**Woodworking for Wildlife** Build a bird feeder or wren nest-box in a carpentry workshop, and practice using basic tools at the same time. Take home your creation to enhance the wildlife habitat around your home.

## What does it cost?

The Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center is owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation, which manages the forests, fisheries and wildlife resources of the state. No fees are charged at the center.



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**THE ANITA B. GORMAN CONSERVATION DISCOVERY CENTER**—Opened in 2002, the Discovery Center is a unique, hands-on urban conservation education center located in the heart of Kansas City near University of Missouri—Kansas City and the Country Club Plaza. It is named after civic leader and former Conservation Commissioner Anita B. Gorman, who led a consortium of public and private partners that made the center possible. The Kauffman Foundation headquarters hosts the Discovery Center site on its beautiful Kauffman Legacy Park.

**DNR PARTNERS**—The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is a partner in the Discovery Center. DNR offers programs on state parks, water, air, soil, energy conservation, recycling, composting, rocks and minerals.